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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hello.

I don't agree with the settlement.

Microsoft have ruined the software industry using their monopoly power.

They now get away with overcharging for their mediocre software using their monopoly power.

They keep changing their proprietry document formats to prevent any sort of open compatibility or standards.

They maintain their vice like grip on new PCs being sold, using their unfair contracts with hardware vendors and their monopoly power, to ensure that their products are the only ones to be pre-loaded, preventing any sort of competition.

They should be required to open their document formats to release their grip on the wordprocessing and spreadsheet markets, and they should be required to release hardware vendors and allow them to optionally pre-load their, or their customer's, choice of operating sytem and application software.

Microsoft are an overpricing predatory monopoly and they are holding back the entire software industry.

Regards,
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